

VOTE TO UNITE METHODISTS.

Committee Favor Proposal to Lift Ban on Dancing.

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N. Y., May 15.—The Committee on Episcopacy of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, it was reported today, have voted to indorse the proposal to unite the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church South, which became divided over the question of slavery seventy-one years ago.

Announcement was also made that the Committee on State of the Church, to which was referred the question of amendments, will report in favor of eliminating from the discipline the prohibition against games of chance, theater attendance and dancing. Chancellor Day of Syracuse University and President Plant of Lawrence University, Appleton, Wis., maintained that the ban on these amusements tended to keep the young people out of the church.

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WASHINGTON, May 15.—In the opinion of those Congressional leaders who could be seen to-day, the New York preparedness parade is bound to awaken the country to the necessity for an army and navy sufficient to meet all emergencies.

Senator Chamberlain of Oregon, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Military Affairs, said:

"That parade will serve notice on the rest of the country that not only New York but the Nation demands preparedness, and is willing to pay the bills. I think the people are ready to be taxed for an adequate army and navy."

Chairman Hay of the House Committee on Military Affairs said:

"While the New York parade was undoubtedly impressive and shows that the people of the metropolis are in favor of adequate preparedness, I hardly believe it will have any effect upon Congress just at this time."

Representative Julius Kahn of California, ranking Republican member of the Military Affairs Committee, said:

"I hope the parade will have its effect upon the Mississippi Valley and Middle West, but it is too early yet to make any predictions. If some one would invent a gun which could carry from the Atlantic Coast to the Mississippi Valley, maybe some of those statesmen who have refused to give their support to a large army would realize the dangers confronting the Nation."

Baltimore Spurred by New York's Parade in Its Own Effort.

BALTIMORE, May 15.—Spurred by the success of the preparedness demonstration in New York, the managers of a similar parade here scheduled for Wednesday are making strenuous efforts. It is hoped that more than 10,000 will march.

The industrial division will be an important feature. The presidents of the three railroads have promised to swell the number. Citizens generally will decorate.

Private William S. Forrest of the Eighth Massachusetts Infantry, now in Washington with his armored motor car, is expected to drive the big war engine in the procession.

Women Active in Preparations for the Boston Parade.

BOSTON, May 15.—The Special Aid Society for American Preparedness, an organization of women affiliated with the National Security League, to-day gave notice that 3,000 of its members will march in Boston's Preparedness Parade, May 27. Women outside of the organization who believe in military preparedness will be invited to march with the society.

Several women's organizations plan to enter floats in the parade, and many society women will participate.

Buffalo Plans a Parade of 10,000 for Memorial Day.

BUFFALO, May 15.—Buffalo will hold its Preparedness demonstration Memorial Day, when it is hoped to have a parade of at least 10,000 persons.

It is planned to combine the annual Memorial Day parade of veterans and National Guardsmen with all societies and individuals that wish to show their interest in national defense. The Buffalo Women's Section of the Navy League is interested in the movement here.

Chicago is Planning a Middle-West Preparedness Parade.

CHICAGO, May 15.—Milwaukee and St. Louis have agreed to come to Chicago for a huge Middle West preparedness demonstration, if a date can be agreed upon. Cleveland also is expected to come. The movement is backed and was initiated in Chicago by the Illinois Branch of the Navy League. A great parade like that in New York, and military evolutions on the lake front are planned.

OBITUARY NOTES.

William H. Powell, prominent in art circles, died suddenly at his home, No. 129 West Fifty-sixth Street, after marching in the artists' section of Saturday's parade.

Edward E. Gedney, retired banker and once secretary of the New York Athletic Club, died in Washington, aged sixty-nine.

Henry M. Rumsey, financier and lifelong resident of Salem, N. J., died yesterday in his seventy-eighth year.

James C. Quigley, Civil War veteran and for many years a policeman attached to the Adams Street Court, died at his home, No. 1562 Seventy-fifth Street, Brooklyn, aged sixty-nine.

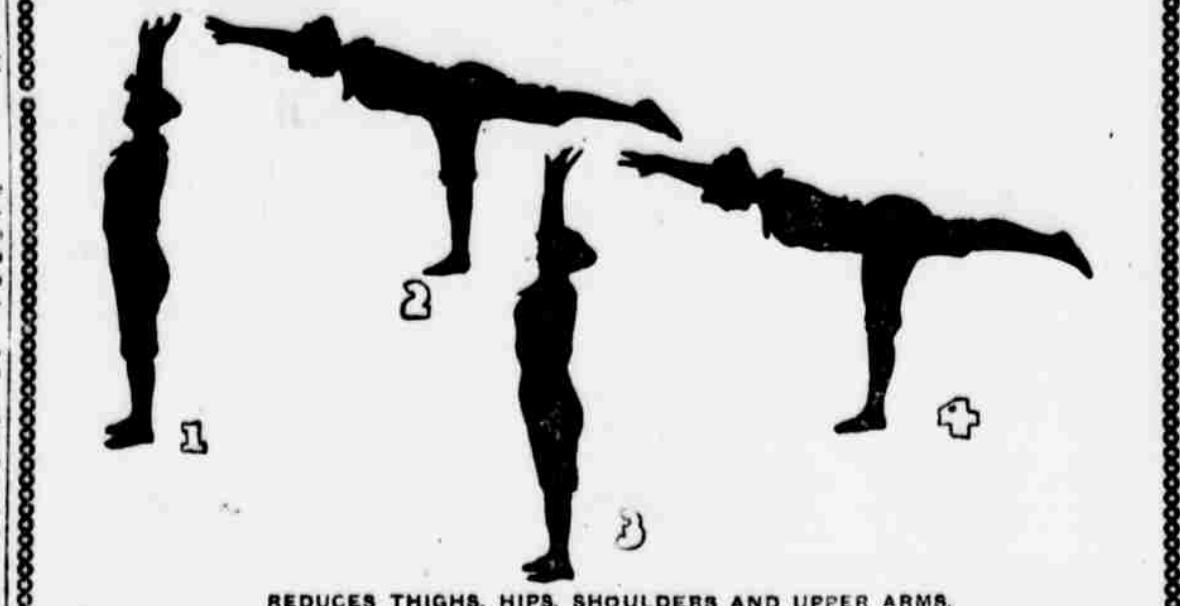
Brig.-Gen. William B. Rogers, retired, veteran of the Civil and Spanish Wars, is dead in Washington, aged seventy-four.

Charles King, a star in the old Haverty Minstrel, died yesterday in Milwaukee, Wis.

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FUGITIVE GIRL DROWNED.

The body of Helen Hayes, nineteen, of No. 227 Kingsland Avenue, Brooklyn, was found in the Harlem River at One Hundred and Seventeenth Street last night by the police patrol squad of Harbor B.

The girl escaped from Randall's Island on April 23, and according to Dr. W. B. Cornell, director of the institution, was drowned in attempting to swim across the East River.

She was committed as an incorrigible to an institution in Newark, N. Y., early in April. There was no room for her there and she was transferred to Randall's Island.

She was identified by the regulation blue uniform of the institution.

STATEN ISLAND NOTES.

Frank Foggin, for many years postmaster at Port Richmond, and at present Vice Chairman of the Republican County Committee, has been appointed a member of the Local School Board of the Forty-fifth District by Borough President Van Name to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late Dr. E. D. Cooney.

Invitations have been issued by Mr. and Mrs. John Foster Coffin of Brooklyn for the wedding of their daughter, Florence Gwendolyn Coffin, to Donald Craig Kerr of New Brighton, at the Memorial Presbyterian Church, Brooklyn, Saturday, May 22.

The Dragon A. C. will hold an informal dance at the German Club Rooms, Stapleton, to-morrow evening.

The German Club Rooms, Stapleton, was crowded last night with Staten Island society in attendance at the opening of "The Mayor of Tokio," the annual production of the Comedy Opera Club. The performance will be repeated this evening and will be followed by a dance.

Past Exalted Rulers Oscar A. Krueger and Frank J. Crystal are in charge of the arrangements for a special train to convey members and friends of Staten Island Lodge No. 841, B. P. O. Elks, to the grand lodge reunion to be held at Baltimore in June.

Mrs. Amelia E. MacNair, Grand Royal Matron, will officially visit Staten Island Court, Order of the Amaranth, Tottenville, on Friday evening next.

Court Genevieve No. 87, Daughters of Isabella, will hold a May dance in the rooms of the Woman's Club, St. George, Monday evening.

The first of a series of monthly dances to be held by the Veteran and Exempt Volunteer Firemen's Association of the Edgewater Fire Department in their new building on Broad Street, Stapleton, will take place next Saturday evening. The entertainment committee in charge is composed of J. J. Lestrangle, Chairman; H. Wilson, Charles Caffrey, Irving Stapleton and James Caffrey.

Hospital Attendant Drowned.

John Reilly, forty, employed in the Metropolitan Hospital on Blackwell's Island, fell off the pier and was drowned last night in the East River at the foot of East Fifty-third Street. John Hassett and Michael Faneuse, both Reillys, were in the water with him, and called an ambulance from Flower Hospital. Dr. Hogan worked over the man with a pump for half an hour in vain.

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Fly Out of Sight of the
Andania Still Firing.

Passengers who arrived this morning on the Cunard steamship Andania had the exciting experience of seeing a battle between aeroplanes while they were making their way along the south coast of England after departing from London.

The vessel had a long and exciting trip until she finally cleared the coast of Great Britain. She was held up at the mouth of the Thames and after several hours' delay was ordered to Plymouth, where she was held over a day. What the reason for this unusual stop was remains unknown, but there was talk of a submarine being in the vicinity and many believe the

destroyer of the Cymric was known to be in their path.

It was off the coast of Deal that the passengers saw the flight of two aeroplanes at about 600 feet above the sea. There was a rapid exchange of shots.

"One of the aeroplanes," said William C. Hayden, a Canadian, who is returning from London, "was of the Taube type and was moving very rapidly. It was just after we had passed Dover, on May 3, and it was a beautiful, clear afternoon. Evidently the German airship had been on a raiding trip and had been caught dropping bombs. She was running as fast as she could in the general direction of Belgium and close at her heels was a large British monoplane that seemed to be able to keep up with her."

"We heard the rapid exchange of shots and some firing from shore. There were torpedo boats about, but the two warring aeroplanes came and went with such great rapidity that they were useless. It was a pretty struggle, but it seemed to one who viewed it as we did that accurate shooting and hitting would be out of the question."

"What the end of the battle was we never knew. We heard in Plymouth that the Taube attempted to make a raid and were told of the beginning over the land of the fight we had seen over the water."

PERILS OF A GREAT CITY.
Hunting eggs in the hayloft of the barn, a New York City boy fell through a trapdoor yesterday and broke his leg. Gosh!"TO BE PREPARED"
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